There are so many other towns just like Ashtabula all over the country. These towns are anonymous places where most of America does its living and dying. It’s funny, really, how much all of us, from big-city folks to little-town people, resemble one another at the end of the day. Bringing together a collection of observations on modern life, the author shares her thoughts on the nation’s political and social issues, family, love, marriage, gay rights, feminism, and other aspects of the world around her. Year: 2006. You can write a book review and share your experiences. Other readers will always be interested in your opinion of the books you’ve read. Whether you’ve loved the book or not, if you give your honest and detailed thoughts then people will find new books that are right for them. 1. Idiot’s Guides: Beginning Investing. Life Happens challenges us to be more open and alive to others and to the world around us. Connie is married to Ohio’s popular congressman Sherrod Brown. Excerpt: After thoroughly enjoying Schultz’s recent novel I decided to check into her other books and I’m so glad I did. This one is a collection of her columns and is a gem. She writes with verve, earthy energy that my husband and I got such a kick out of.